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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 – Year 11 Vaccines – 20 November 2026, Year 9 Parents' Evening – 25 November 2026, RP6th Applications, World Diabetes Day

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

After the weather this week, we are truly in Autumn now. I know I have been mumbling about the weather most weeks for a good while but, when you lead a large organisation in an old building, I do seem to spend even more time wondering what the elements will mean for us on a daily basis. Fortunately, the heating is coming along now and we hope to have it all up and running properly by Monday so that we can mothball the temporary heaters. Not before time….

Year 7 – Year 11 Vaccines – 20 November 2026

The annual flu vaccination programme for students in Years 7-11 will take place in school on Friday 20 November 2026.

Parents/carers should ensure that any consent forms have been completed in line with the information provided by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS). If you have any questions regarding the vaccination programme, please contact SAIS directly.

Year 9 Parents' Evening – 25 November 2026

We look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and carers to the Academy on Wednesday 25 November 2026 from 4pm to 7pm. SchoolCloud will open for appointments early next week and will close at 10pm on Tuesday 24 November 2026.

RP6th Applications

Our advertising for RP6th this year reached over 450,000 people and it seems to have helped. We are looking likely to receive a record number of applications for entry into Year 12 from September 2027. Two weeks remain to finalise applications and submit them. Mr Griffiths will close the application window promptly at 5pm on Friday 27 November 2026.

World Diabetes Day

Too many people - particularly children and young people - are only diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when they are seriously ill.

The most common symptoms, known as the 4Ts – excessive **thirst**, needing the **toilet** more, unusual **tiredness** and getting **thinner** - often come on quickly, over days or weeks, and can be missed or mistaken for other illnesses. But with a simple finger prick blood test, type 1 diabetes can be recognised quickly.

Please turn over.

This could stop avoidable emergency admissions due to DKA, prevent families from the heartbreak of seeing their loved ones seriously ill and save lives.

That's why we need everyone to know the symptoms and what to do if they spot any of them – ask your doctor to test for type 1 immediately. This World Diabetes Day, we need your help to reach as many people as possible. **Share the signs. Save a life.**

Thank you to all Year 13 parents and carers who visited us for parents' evening on Wednesday. It was a bumper attendance and was lovely to see you all. I have spent some of my week coaching Year 13 for UCAS applications and university interviews, which is always one of the best bits of my job. The future is looking really bright for our young people as we prepare them to go off into the world. I remain in awe of their commitment, idealism and belief that better is around the corner. As a student of foreign languages, I must also drop a 'well done' in here for Fearne, who secured an offer, without interview, to study languages at my old university this week. I am very proud. This week, as I sign off, I return to German literature and the timeless words of author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who said "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy
Headmaster